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Sir:

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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,831,301, issued November 3, 1998;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,940,717, issued August 17, 1999

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3. U.S. Patent No. 5,945,704, issued August 31, 1999;
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,018,174, issued January 25, 2000;
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,066,527, issued May 23, 2000;
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,063,657, issued May 16, 2000;
7. U.S. Patent No. 6,080,618, issued June 27, 2000; and
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,144,054, issued November 7, 2000.

All the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, thus, a concise explanation of those references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) is not necessary.

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